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AUSTRIAN VIEWS

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1. IN DISCUSSION OF SSOD PREPCOMS WITH MFA/IO ACTING DIRECTOR
RUDOFISKY AND HIS DEPUTY GEORG LENKH ON MARCH 10, RUDOFISKY
TOLD EMBOFF THAT IN GOA VIEW SSOD SHOULD AIM AT AGREEMENT ON
PRECEDURES AND CREATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE
EFFORTS TOWARD SIARMAMENT AND NOT RPT NOT BECOME OCCASION
FOR MINOR NON-NUCLEAR POWERS SIMPLY TO POINT FINGER AT MAJOR
NUCLEAR POWERS AND DEMAND THEIR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. BOTH
RUDOFISKY AND LENKH SAID IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO HAVE USG
IDEAS ABOUT OBJECTIVES FOR SSOD IN ADVANCE OF PREPCOM MEETING
THAT GEGINS MARCH 28 BECAUSE IT IS TO US THAT REST OF
WESTERN WORLD LOOKS FOR LEADERSHIP IN THIS REGARD AND
BECAUSE OTHERWISE PROPOSALS OF OTHERS WILL BECOME
FOCAL POINT OF PREPCOM DISCUSSIONS.

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2. LENKH NOTED THAT AS FAR AS AUSTRIANS ARE AWARE ONLY
CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPCOM CONSIDERATION ARE
THOSE IN YUGOSLAV PAPER NOW CIRCULATING. HE CHARACTERIZED
YUGOSLAV PAPER AS GENERALLY HELPFUL, ESPECIALLY IN THAT IT
EVINCES MODERATE EXPECTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SSOD, BUT HE THOUGHT IT PERHAPS STRAYED
UNACCEPTABLY INTO SUBSTANTIVE AREA IN PROPOSING SSOD PREPARES

CATALOGUE OF CONCRETE DISARMAMENT MEASURES THAT MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED SEQUENTIALLY WITHIN GIVEN TIME FRAME. OTHERWISE, LENKH THOUGHT YUGOSLAV'S CALL FOR GENERAL DEBATE OKAY, ALTHOUGH APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN SUCH DEBATE WOULD BE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION, AND HE ALSO FORESAW UTILITY IN POLITICAL DECLARATION THAT REVIEWED PAST SUCCESSES AND FAILURES IN DISARMAMENT EFFORTS AND POINTED OUT DANGERS OF CONTINUATION AND SPREAD OF ARMS RACES. HE THOUGHT ROLES OF UN, CCD, AND UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION (OR SOME SUCCESSOR BODY) AS WELL AS QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE UN SECRETARIAT SUPPORT FOR UN DISARMAMENT UNITS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN YUGOSLAV SUGGESTIONS.

3. AUSTRIANS SAID PREPCOM MEETINGS WOULD BE HANDLED ENTIRELY BY REGULAR MISSION STAFF IN SPITE OF UN MISSION COMPLAINT THAT IT COULD NOT ASSUME THIS ADDITIONAL BUDEN.BUCHANAN

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